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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Marvin M. Johnson, Edward L. Sughrue II, Steven A. Owen,
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For: DESULFURIZATION OF MIDDLE DISTILLATES

LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

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If the Examiner wishes to contact representatives of record concerning the accompanying application prior to the first Official Action, such contact should be made with the undersigned.

The following items are called to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. 5,897,768 (McVicker et al., April 27, 1999)

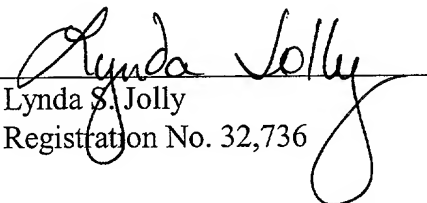
U.S. 5,985,136 (Brignac et al., Nov. 16, 1999)

U.S. 6,126,814 (Lapinski et al., Oct. 3, 2000)

The above-mentioned items do not disclose or suggest a desulfurization process in which the desulfurization reaction conditions are sufficient to maintain substantially all of the middle distillates in a vapor phase and provide a high level of sulfur removal.

Respectfully submitted,

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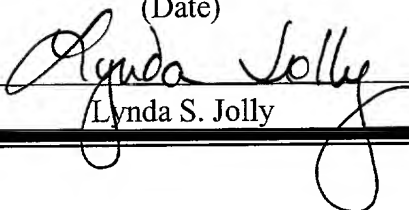
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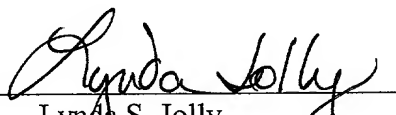
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